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FOR: A SWEETENING COMPOSITION AND ITS USES

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December applacation 1999, please amend the above-identified follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

The invention relates to sweetening composition а comprising a) at least one low soluble compound with a solubility in water of less than 60 g per 100 g of solution and b) least one anti-crystallising agent at comprising a fraction of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of pyrodextrins and polyglucoses and a mixture of pyrodextrins and polyglucoses in the range of 1000 to 8000 Daltons. The invention relates also the use of such a composition for the manufacture of boiled sugars or as a flavouring carrier. --

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